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## HOW THE SUGAR

**TRUST OPERATES**  
The Sugar Trust which has lately sold a fine of over a quarter million to the government for false weighing of sugar imports, is said to have gained enough in this way for some years to pay dividends of from 3-1/2 to 5 per cent. on the capital stock of its New York corporation. And now the city of New York is about to demand a half million from the Trust for water said to have been surreptitiously drawn from the city mains.

It is this same Trust which is said to have recently sold for export large quantities of sugar at almost two cents a pound less than it was offered to American consumers. The House tariff bill deals very kindly with the Trust. It provides for the free importation of a large amount of raw sugar from the Philippines, and it makes no very slight a reduction in the duty on refined sugar that neither the retail dealer nor the consumer will benefit in the least. The Senate is not likely to deal any less kindly with the Trust.

The substance of the situation is that while the Government has been very indulgent toward the Sugar Trust, that organization, or rather its subsidiary corporation in New York, has been gaining heavily by false weights on imports of raw sugar. Now, it is said to be selling refined sugar in other countries at a price nearly two cents a pound less than it exacts from home consumers.

Clearly, the Sugar Trust does not need protection, when it sells much cheaper abroad than here. Instead of the infinitesimal reduction on refined sugar, proposed by the House bill, the duty should be cut down at least by the difference in the selling prices here and abroad. The Trust should not be allowed to discriminate against the American people who have protected it until it has become a breeder of millionaires. It is not an infant industry. It is abundantly able to stand without propping by tariff duties, the principal effects of which are to compel the American people to pay unnecessarily high prices for a necessity of life, and to pile up great fortunes for members of the Trust.

Protection which is not needed, should always be repealed.  
That was a very pertinent query by Senator Tillman, in which, after referring to "tariff hogs" and the "tough", he asked for information as to when a hog completes its growth. No one gave the desired information, probably because no one possessed it. There really is no limit to the "tariff hog's" life.

Attorney General Wickersham announced in a recent speech that while there would be no let-up in prosecutions under the anti-trust law, some of the suits brought by the Roosevelt Administration were ill-advised and he would not hesitate to abandon them. He will not, he said, prosecute unconscious violators of the law, but all should now understand it. Following the deliverance of the Attorney General came a speech by Mr. Choate who, unconsciously perhaps, explained the Administration's proposed leniency by outgiving the Attorney General as a "corporation lawyer."

Several weeks ago, the Farmer published a statement of the constituents and properties of nitrogen-peroxide, the agency used in the bleaching of flour, and voiced a belief that the process must be deleterious to health. Secretary Wilson's decision that its use was a violation of the pure food act, was questioned in the District of Columbia courts, rather his right to render such decision—and the court has just decided that he possesses such right. Now, the question is to be tried on the merits—that is, whether or not the bleaching process is in violation of the law. Investigation of the composition of nitrogen-peroxide will probably lead to a preference for unbleached flour, even though of a yellowish tinge.

The Steel Trust controls the bulk of the iron ore in this country, particularly since it absorbed, with President Roosevelt's consent, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. Recognizing this fact, the Payne tariff bill reduced the duties on iron ore and scrap, but the Senate's Finance committee has set these reductions aside and imposed higher duties. If the Trust can secure what are practically prohibitory duties, it will have the independent iron and steel people at its mercy and can, if it so desires, drive them out of business. The Senate has always been a fostering nurse for the big trusts, and it is now evincing a decided disposition to continue that function.

The House tariff bill first placed iron and steel scrap on the free list and later imposed a duty of 50 cents a ton; the Senate bill raises it to \$2.50 a ton.

This is practically a prohibitory rate, as would probably also be the compromise rate at which Senator Aldrich is evidently aiming. The Steel Trust professes a willingness to allow 40 per cent. of the market to the independent; the Aldrich duty would eventually give the entire market, except perhaps in a few specialties. Mr. Carnegie has said that iron and steel do not need protection. Such being the fact, even the House rate of 50 cents is unnecessary, while the Senate rate of \$2.50 is protection running wild.

Banker Clews draws in his weekly review a very hopeful view of prevalent conditions, as follows:

In nearly all of our great industries it must be admitted that primary conditions are sound, that credit has been purged of the rottenness that brought on the panic, that speculation is less reckless, that consumption is increasing, that confidence is reviving, that industry and traffic are returning to their old proportions and that so far as the volume of business is concerned the indications are that the pre-panic level will soon be reached, if not entirely passed, as it ought to be with the steady growth of the population. In one respect only is the outlook not entirely satisfactory; profits have been severely curtailed, and are not likely to regain their former standard until further economies have been introduced and extravagances more completely eliminated. Fortunately the panic has not fallen as severely as usual upon labor; the number of unemployed never having been disproportionately large, and the reduction in wages being few and unimportant. The panic fell hardest upon those in moderate circumstances with fixed incomes; for, owing to the high prices for food and clothing, the cost of living has been excessive and threatens to continue so until our farmers make the earth produce more abundantly and do their share of the part towards rebuilding national prosperity.

But Mr. Clews gives warning that as business revives the demand for money will increase, with a probable hardening of interest rates. With regard to the stock market, he says: "All circumstances favor more active market; conditions are good for trading, and we are likely to see frequent fluctuations with the prevailing trend in the direction of higher prices."

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WESTPORT

Rejuvenated Grange—Increase in Salaries—Musical This Evening—Bicycle Accident—The Babe in the Well—Who is a Drinking Man?

A couple of big elm trees which stood near the new town hall, have been cut down. Unfortunately they stood on the dividing line between the town's property and that of a private individual.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gerhardt of Lyon's Plains celebrated their golden wedding.

On the 8th of May the local Grange will visit Stratford and witness what the Grange of that town can do in the way of entertainment. A few evenings since it held a largely attended meeting, with guests from Weston, Cannon, Northfield and Easton. The Grange seems to be taking on new life. Not long ago it was debated whether to give up the organization.

Some petty thieves have recently broken into the church at Weston's and taken several articles of no great value.

Mr. John Dunnigan is home from a trip to California. A few days ago the snow storm did not prevent several farmers from planting their gardens, although they said naughty things.

Miss Carrie Bradley is at last really home from Chicago. It has often been announced that she arrived weeks ago.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allen, named Fred, died a few days ago of Bright's disease.

No trace of the auto has been found which is supposed to have caused the recent death of Daniel Shea.

This evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Mainon, the Musical Society will hold a meeting and listen to a very interesting program. It is hoped that all the members will be present. Mrs. Arthur J. J. will play the piano and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mollenhauer, both the piano and the violin.

Reaching the fact that this town pays its school teachers less than any town in the state of New York, it has been decided to increase the salaries of eight teachers by the addition of \$100 each. Those who will receive the increase are Prof. Boyden of the Staples High School, and the Misses McCann, Besse Dolge and Ruth B. Hall, as well as others.

A Mr. Meeker of Norwalk ran into a bicycle a few days ago, being driven by Miss Gladys Stone, while she was wheeling along Riverside avenue. Mr. Meeker was in an automobile. His machine took the forward wheel of the bike, and threw the young lady to the ground. She escaped serious injury. After settling for the damage Mr. Meeker left the town, and was thanking his lucky stars that matters were no worse.

Mr. Wm. E. Squires of this town has brought a suit against Clifford F. Fitch of Weston for a bill of some \$1,500 for lumber.

Saturday evening last the Order of the Golden Spectre gave a dance in Arion hall.

This year ice will be 70 cents per 100 pounds for those who wish to have it left at the house. A young man in town says ice can be manufactured for 13 cents per 100 pounds. But Westport has no manufactory.

It is thought the moving picture show will find a place of rest in the Old Catholic church.

Calvin Langdon is home after a winter in New York.

Mr. W. F. H. Preston is home from Philadelphia.

A fellow named Lowowski, is said to have admitted that he is the father of the infant found sometime ago in a well in town. He claims that the mother is an ignorant girl to whom he was engaged to be married, named Mary Dombrowski. It looks as if Mr. Lowowski ought to be held as accessory to the crime, since he was the cause of it. The ignorant girl has been bound over to the May court.

Theron Brown has given up his position at the Asa factory owing to the illness of his father.

Miss Alice Smith has resigned from the choir of the church.

Early this month the Epworth league will give a fine entertainment at the church parlors.

It is said that a man who was recently killed in town was not a drinking man as he got drunk but three times in a year.

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## FAIRFIELD

The Egg Throwing—Grange Address—Another Liquor Case—Local Shepherds—Rare Old Publications—News from the Farmer.

It is said that no less than 50 men and boys came up from Southport to indulge in the recent egg throwing on Broad street, when a poor fellow who had been induced to run around the square was passing by its corner. And at one place red lights were burned in honor of the event.

It is Mr. Roger C. Smith who is entertaining a cousin from White Plains. It appears that the true name of Mrs. Wright's country seat in town is "Waldstein," and not "Rockcrest," as has unfortunately been printed. No one wishes to give the celebrated place a new name.

Mr. C. O. Jelling is recently home from a trip to Katonah.

Mrs. Susan Olmstead of Norwalk is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. E. Lane. Among the gentlemen who recently addressed the grange at its fine hall in Greenfield Hill, were John P. Gray, who spoke about Napoleon; Postmaster Pickett, who gave his experience on "House Gardening"; Attorney C. H. King on China and her friendship, commercially for the United States; and there was good music by Alice and Francis Pease, Edna Bulkeley and Louise Everett.

Yesterday Miss Jennie Carroll of Wallingford was the soloist in the chorus choir in St. Paul's church. Miss Carroll hopes for a few more voices to make the choir more effective.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meeker have taken up their residence in New York. One of the presents which Miss Carroll received before her recent marriage was a handsome necklace of gold beads, presented by members of the church. Since her wedding she has written a very pretty note of thanks to the friends who contributed the funds with which the present was purchased.

Mr. Louis Morehouse, who has been spending four days in town, returned to Brooklyn yesterday.

Judge John H. Perry is now at his home in Southport, having returned from his trip in the South.

Another one of those troublesome liquor cases came up recently before Justice Wakeman at his office in town. Mr. V. Mastroianni, who lives in the Brooklawn district was arrested on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday, the 11th of last March. Attorney Henry Greenstein of Bridgeport, who defended a liquor dealer in Stratford a few days ago, appeared for the defense.

Mastroianni professed that he knew nothing about what was going on at his saloon on the Sunday in question, as he was in Bridgeport attending the festival of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and from thence he went to an Italian christening and therefore he could not have sold the spirits which breaks the law, and intoxicated Mastroianni. It may be recollected that Mastroianni was once before arrested for violating the law, but went free on the ground that a writ signed by a justice in Fairfield would not run in Bridgeport. This time no such plea was made. Mr. Mastroianni, who locked up his place of business on Saturday night and put the key in his pocket. He was astonished to think his bar was in full operation on the next day. It was shown to the satisfaction of the court, however, that a son of the proprietor was selling liquor on the place, and that two men, who were present. Mastroianni was fined \$25 on two counts each, and he took the customary appeal to the criminal court of Common Pleas. A bond was furnished for \$150. Attorney Greenstein acting as bondsman, pro forma.

A number of members of our local lodge of the Shepherds of Bethlehem went to Bridgeport on Thursday evening to take part in the grand initiation. In the car were the Misses McCaffrey, Miss Lahey, Miss Susie Passer, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King. This happened to be the anniversary of the home lodge, which has been established for 3 years.

A few days ago Mr. Wallace M. Bulkeley came into possession of a number of ancient publications, which are of considerable interest. In the lot there is a copy of the Republican Farmer, of January 4, 1842, published in Bridgeport by Pomeroy & Nichols. In this issue Mr. L. N. Booth of Stratford advertises his new grocery store, and says he will sell coffee at 10 cents a pound, raisins at 8 cents a pound, and 17 pounds of sugar for \$1. There is also a copy of the Royal American Magazine for January, 1874. In these days of tariff revision the following extract from the ancient records of New Haven Colony for the 11th of February, 1640, as found in the almanac for 1776, is not devoid of interest: It was ordered, that commodities well bought in England, for ready money, shall not be sold here above 33 in the shilling for profit and adventure, above what the cost with charges when sold by retail."

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**NEWTOWN**  
A party of young folks enjoyed a tramp to Bethel, Sunday, returning by the Sunday night train.

Mrs. John Brown of Bridgeport, was a Sunday guest of Mr. M. F. Gaffney, of Walnut Tree Hill.

Mrs. John Carlson was a visitor in Danbury, Saturday.

Miss Ella Blake has returned from a visit with friends in Matteawan, N. Y. Misses Anna Carmody and Rosina Lavy passed Saturday in Danbury.

The game between the Newtown Athletic Club and Union Business College of Bridgeport, Saturday, was postponed until further notice, owing to the rainy weather.

Miss L. B. Bigelow spent today in the Park City.

Rev. Alexander Steele was the host at the April meeting of the Men's Literary Club, held at the Grange hall, Friday evening. A pleasant social time was enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee were served.

F. H. Flynn and daughter of Bridgeport, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gannon, Sunday.

Congregational Notes—Rev. Alexander Steele took his text from Matt. 4:2, subject, "Obedience to Duty." The sewing society will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Trinity Notes—Rev. J. H. George preached from Rev. 1-10; subject, "The Lord's Day."

St. Rose's Notes—Friday, the first of May, to the credit of the church, was a mass celebrated at 8 o'clock. Confessions will be heard Thursday afternoon and evening and before mass Friday morning. The church will be in instructions for the children preparing for confirmation and Holy Communion at 7 o'clock, and will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock this week. Father Fox announced at both masses that he would commence taking the census and annual collection Monday, May 10.

Catherine Amelia and Jane Cecilia, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Mullane, were baptized Sunday. The sponsors were David Bale, Mrs. Bale, and Mr. and Mrs. John Whalen.

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